

**VILLAGE OF NORTHFIELD
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Minutes of April 11, 2006**

- I. **ROLL CALL:** Chair Thomas McCarney, Trustees Samantha Baraw, Libby Hambleton, Richard Sutor, and James Wilson. Also present were Village Manager Nanci Allard, Everett Greenslit, and Suzanne Jolly (Greater Northfield Coalition Council).

Chair McCarney called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (Scheduled):**

- a. **Suzanne Jolly (Greater Northfield Coalition Council): Drug-Free Communities.** Ms. Jolly is the Director of Drug-Free Communities. She wanted to update what's going on with the grant that was received for the GNCC. They opened the resource center with a grand opening. The center includes information on alcohol, drugs, and tobacco. They have been working with the Northfield PD to give them resources to targeted audiences. They have also made their space available for local businesses and committees for use.
- b. **Everett Greenslit: Electric Questions.** Mr. Greenslit asked for a clarification on the King Street Substation. Mr. Greenslit provided a copy of his statements that he would like clarification on. Chair McCarney will research these statements to find out the correct answers to Mr. Greenslit's questions. Mr. Greenslit also provided some suggestions for the Village to use when we enter into negotiations for electric demands.

III. **ACTION ITEMS**

a. **Approval of Minutes**

- 1. **March 27, 2006 (Budget Meeting #3).** Motion by Trustee Sutor, seconded by Trustee Wilson, to approve the minutes. Two typographical errors were corrected. **Motion passed 5-0-0.**
- 2. **March 28, 2006 (Budget Meeting #4).** Motion by Trustee Sutor, seconded by Trustee Hambleton, to approve the minutes. **Motion passed 5-0-0.**
- 3. **March 28, 2006 (Regular Meeting).** Motion by Trustee Sutor, seconded by Trustee Wilson, to approve the minutes. Correction: Item III a, "Tiers" is an acronym, it should read TIERs. **Motion passed 5-0-0.**
- 4. **April 4, 2006 (Budget Meeting #5).** Motion by Trustee Sutor, seconded by Trustee Wilson, to approve the minutes. **Motion passed 4-0-1, with Trustee Hambleton abstaining.**

b. **Approval of Bills**

- 1. **Warrant #20-06.** Motion by Trustee Hambleton, seconded by Trustee Sutor, to approve Warrant #20-06 in the amount of \$399,595.56. Mr. Greenslit requested that the board review the Warrant number. **Motion passed 5-0-0.**

- c. **Draft 2006 Village Meeting Warning.** Motion by Trustee Sutor, seconded by Trustee Hambleton, to approve the draft warning. **Motion passed 5-0-0.**

- d. **Water Street Deeds.** The Senior Center has signed the Quitclaim Deed. We are still looking for more signatures on this but Manager Allard is following up. We are making progress.

- e. **Electric Rate Filing.** Motion by Trustee Sutor, seconded by Trustee Wilson, to authorize the manager to approve the rate increase as presented by VPPSA for the Public Service Board. **Motion passed 5-0-0.** If this is all approved the transition date would be July 1 (meaning that rates will be effective on June 1, but bills for June will be sent to customers in July). The rate requested is a 7.17% increase. This primarily is due to the increased cost to purchase power.

IV. REPORTS

a. Village Manager

1. **Safety Committee update:** The Safety Committee has met with the Insurance carrier. In May, they will begin their walk through for safety checks. The office will open tomorrow (04/12/04) one hour later (9:00 a.m.) so that the Municipal employees can have training on fire safety, the use of fire extinguishers, and building evacuation.
2. **Proposed Corrections Work Camp.** The Selectboard would like a public hearing as well as a joint hearing on this matter.
3. **Joint Board Meeting.** There will be a Joint Board meeting on April 19, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building. Among other issues, a committee will be set up to work on Town/Village merger.
4. **CVRR Land Purchase.** The deed was signed regarding the land behind the Fire Station. The VSHA has deeded the footpath to the Village.

b. Committee Reports

1. **Inter-Local Agreement Committee.** This committee will be meeting on April 18, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building. The agenda is an update on the budgets proposed for the utilities for the next year.

c. Miscellaneous

1. **Water Main Breaks.** There were three major water breaks on Saturday, April 8, 2006. The crews did an outstanding job getting this under control so quickly.

V. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (Unscheduled):

- a. **Everett Greenslit.** Mr. Greenslit wanted to know if there was any chance that the pumps failed to shut down during these situations. He was informed that the breaks on were due to frost. Mr. Greenslit wanted to know if there was anything in place that would automatically shut the pumps down if there is an unusual flow anywhere. Chair McCarney is unsure.

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion by Trustee Sutor, seconded by Trustee Hambleton, to go into executive session to discuss a legal matter with the Manager present. **Motion passed 5-0-0.**

The Board went into executive session at 7:56 p.m.

Motion by Trustee Hambleton, seconded by Trustee Wilson, to come out of executive session.
Motion passed 5-0-0.

The Board came out of executive session at 8:38 p.m. No action was taken.

VII. ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Trustee Hambleton, seconded by Trustee Sutor, to adjourn. **Motion passed 5-0-0.**

The Board adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Samantha H. Baraw

Samantha H. Baraw, Clerk

These minutes are subject to approval at the next scheduled meeting.